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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTOPHER JAMES KISLING,

Defendant.

NO: 2:20-CR-17-RMP-1

ORDER CONTINUING HEARINGS

In response to the evolving public health crisis caused by the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), the Court finds it necessary and in the interest of justice to take proactive measures to protect the safety of litigants, counsel, court staff, grand jurors, petit jurors, witnesses, and the communities of this District.

The Court continues the pretrial conference and trial date in this matter pursuant to this District's General Order No. 20-101-4, and in light of the President's Proclamation declaring a national emergency on March 13, 2020, and the Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-05 declaring a state of emergency on February 29, 2020, and subsequent Proclamation 20-14 prohibiting all gatherings of more than 50 people and requiring any gathering of fewer than 51 people to "comply

1 with social distancing and sanitation measures established by the United States
2 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Washington State Department of
3 Health guidelines.” State of Washington Office of the Governor, Proclamation 20-
4 14, *Reduction of Statewide Limits on Gatherings* (March 16, 2020). To promote
5 state, national, and international efforts to inhibit transmission of the virus, the Court
6 finds it necessary to continue the schedule in this matter.

7 The Court is conscious of Defendant’s constitutional right to a speedy and
8 public trial under the Sixth Amendment. Should Defendant object to the continuance
9 of the trial and hearing dates pursuant to this Order, Defendant may move to be
10 excepted from the General Order and shall provide supporting reasons for the motion.

11 The time period from the current trial date of **April 27, 2020**, to the continued
12 trial date of **June 15, 2020**, is excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §
13 3161(h)(7)(A). The exigent need to protect public health during the current COVID-
14 19 outbreak by reducing the size and frequency of public gatherings and eliminating
15 nonessential travel outweighs the best interest of the public and the defendant in a
16 speedy trial.

17 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

18 **1.** The current trial date of April 27, 2020, is **STRICKEN** and **RESET** to
19 **June 15, 2020**, at **8:45 a.m.** commencing with a **final** pretrial conference at **8:30**
20 **a.m.** All hearings shall take place in **Spokane**, Washington.

21 **2.** The current pretrial conference date of April 15, 2020, is **STRICKEN**.

